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## IN BRIEF

### Housing Service Desk Number To Change April 1

The service desk number for Navy family housing residents who need maintenance work done at their homes will change effective April 1. The new number is 486-4200. The change is being made as a result of new maintenance contract requirements with Day-Zimmerman Baker (DZB) from October 1, 1999.

The procedures will remain the same; service to residents should not be impacted. The trouble desk telephone number can be reached 24 hours a day. However, under the new system residents should call (DZB) directly. Residents who have questions or concerns can contact the Community Relations Division of the Navy Aloha Center at 474-1820/474-1821.

### NMCRS "Benefit Sale"

In support of the 2000 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive, the Navy Exchange will offer a NMCRS "Benefit Sale" April 3-4, from 5-9 p.m. Tickets allow NEX customers to save 10% at the Pearl Harbor and Barbers Point Main Stores, Furniture Gallery, Toyland, Outdoor Living Center, Uniform Center, and Barking Sands facility on both days.

Tickets are available for \$5.00 at all Navy Exchange locations as well as from NMCR Fund Drive key persons at all Navy and Marine Corps commands. Revenue generated through ticket sales is contributed directly to the fund drive.

### 4th Annual Twilight Tattoo

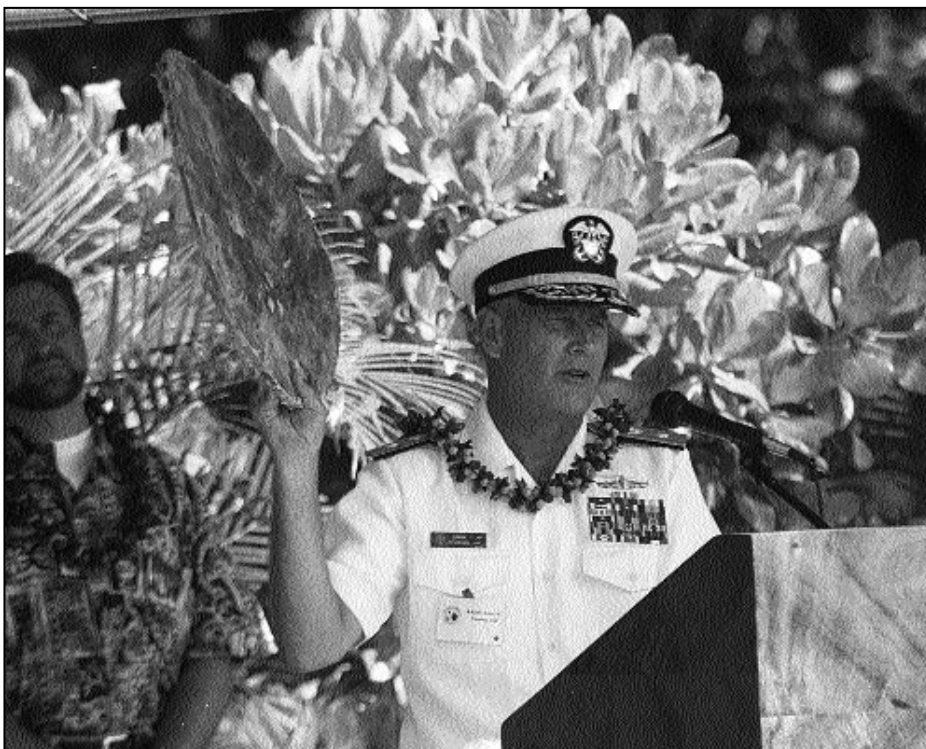
The 25th Infantry Division (Light) is holding its 4th Annual Twilight Tattoo on March 25, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. at Fort DeRussy Parade Field across the street from the Hale Koa Hotel.

The two-and-a-half hour "military marching band exhibition" will feature the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Band; the 111th Army National Guard Band; the Pacific Fleet (Navy) Band; the Air Force Band of the Pacific, and the Marine Forces Pacific Band as well as the Celtic pipes and drums of Hawaii. Be sure to bring a blanket and picnic basket. Parking is available.

In last week's issue the email address to the Hawaii Navy News editor was printed incorrectly. The correct address is: hnneditor@hawaii.navy.mil

## Navy 'partners' with Waikiki Aquarium

Goal is to protect, preserve and restore Pacific coastal resources



JO2 Greg Cleghorne photo

Rear Admiral John W. Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, holds up a disc made of compressed plastic at the Waikiki Aquarium during a ceremony designating the aquarium as a Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center. RADM Townes told the gathering that environmental stewardship is important to the Navy and that the disc is but one example. Navy ships at sea take their waste plastics, compress them into discs and keep them in storage until they can be properly disposed of when the ship's return.

By Bill Roome

NAVY REGION HAWAII

On March 17 the Waikiki Aquarium was dedicated as an America Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center, joining 11 other aquariums across the country that educate the public about the importance of protecting the country's coastal heritage. This honor brings with it a partnership with 12 federal agencies, including the Navy, that will support the

America Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center with expert speakers, exhibit information, educational publications, teaching materials, audiovisuals, field trips and field data from around the country.

Rear Admiral John W. Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific spoke at the dedication ceremony and explained to the audience that the 44,000 Sailors, family members and civilian employees who make up the Navy Ohana in Hawaii are firmly committed to protecting America's coastal ecosystems. "The Navy brings to the part-

nership a shared interest, a track record of innovation and a desire to do the right thing when it comes to the environment."

As a token of the Navy commitment to the partnership, RADM Townes presented the center with compact disks of mammal sound recordings, educational materials brochures, posters and a videotape about the Navy's environmental programs. He also invited the public to tour homeported ships at Pearl Harbor to see "first hand" the environmental initiatives undertaken by the Navy.

According to Bruce Carlson, Executive Director, Waikiki Aquarium the goal of the American Coastal Ecosystem Learning Centers is to raise public awareness about the importance of protecting and restoring coastal and watershed ecosystems. He added that he is confident he will accomplish this goal by combining his resources with his federal partners. "Information provided by the American Coastal Ecosystem Learning Centers and its federal partners will reach thousands of people who visit the Waikiki Aquarium annually."

Senator Daniel Akaka, keynote speaker at the dedication ceremony, stated, "the Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center will be a beacon of information about the roles and responsibilities and cooperation among the federal, state and private sector on coastal ecosystem conservation."

He emphasized that about 85 percent of all coral reefs in the United States are located between the main Hawaiian Islands and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. "The Waikiki Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center will explain to the public the importance of healthy coral reefs, the importance of watershed planning, of restoring native vegetation in critical areas and maintaining healthy wetlands."

"We are really excited about this partnership," explained Mr. Clyde Yokota, Navy Region Environmental Coordinator. "Not only will the Navy have an opportunity to play a key role in educating the public about the value of coastal resources, it will also give us the opportunity to demonstrate the Navy's keen interest in protecting our coastal heritage."

Joining the Navy in the partnership program are the Departments of Agriculture, Air Force, Army, Commerce, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Services Administration and Executive Office of the President.

The Waikiki aquarium, the third-oldest public aquarium in the United States, is operated by the University of Hawaii. Its education and research programs emphasize aquatic life in Hawaii and the tropical Pacific. It houses about 2500 animals representing 350 species.

## Asian/Pacific Islander Council to support Centennial Flag Day

By LT Flex Plexico

CINCPACFLT Public Affairs

NAVAL Station Pearl Harbor's Asian/Pacific Islander Council will support the Centennial Flag Day Celebration Apr. 15-21.

Three council members will join representatives from Hawaii high schools to help the Navy support the 100th anniversary of the territory of American Samoa. The group will be headed by Council Director, Mr. Andrew Iuvale.

The mission of the team is to increase the awareness of the special relationship between the U.S. Navy and the people of American Samoa.

During special centennial events the group will display posters depicting American Samoa Sailors, Navy and Coast Guard ships, the Fita-Fita Guard, and much more.

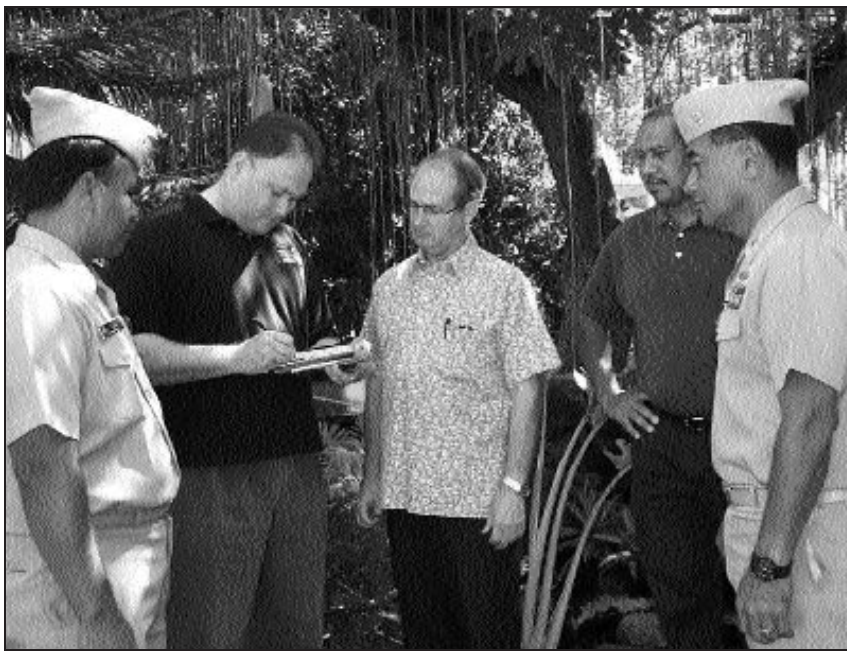
The council is also de-

veloping a set of commemorative centennial trading cards for the children in American Samoa. This set of 16 cards includes information about the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps Band, and the naval history in American Samoa.

The high school representatives are from schools that have participated in Naval Station Pearl Harbor's annual Fa'a Samoa Dance Competition. "They are some of the great people here in Hawaii who are helping teach

Samoa arts and culture to our Samoan children as well as other children in Hawaii High Schools", said Iuvale. "Their mission during the Centennial Flag Day will be to watch and learn, take it all in, then return and share the experience and knowledge with the children of Hawaii."

For more information about the Navy's participation in this historic event, contact Lt. Flex Plexico, flex@navy.org, (808) 471-3769.



Lt. Flex Plexico photo

American Samoa Centennial Committee. Members of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet met Mar. 9 with members of the Asia Pacific Council and the Centennial Executive Director in Pearl Harbor to finalize naval support of the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. flag-raising in Pago Pago Harbor, A.S. The celebration scheduled for April 15-21 will include a joint Navy Marine Corps band, a ship visit by USS Decatur (DDG 73), and homecomings for many Sailors with ties to American Samoa. Pictured (L-R) are Chief Petty Officer (SKC) Lalomilo Tausa, Mr. Andrew Iuvale, Mr. Rob Shaffer, Mr. Merle Walker, and Master Chief Petty Officer (BMCM) Felise Tupuola.

## USS Reuben James hosts tour to Marine Corps War College Students

By Ens. Rolando Salvatierra

USS Reuben James Public Affairs

STUDENTS of the United States Marine Corps War College visited the USS Reuben James (FFG 57) as part of an orientation visit to the Pacific Fleet Command. The 18 touring students were escorted by Col. John Turner, USMC and represented the

Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Navy, Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, and the State Department.

The group started its tour on the flight deck, with a greeting from Reuben James' Commanding Officer, Cdr. Carl W. Cramb, and tour guide, Lt. Paris Crenshaw. The tour, which took the group through the Combat Information Center (CIC), Sonar Control, and the pilot house, focused on the war-

fighting capabilities of guided missile frigates. The students were impressed with the ship's capabilities, and how hard the Sailors were working aboard Fighting '57. The tour concluded in the wardroom with refreshments prepared by MS2 Joseph Alcantra.

The grateful War College students all agreed that the tour was "The high point of their visit to the island".

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